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MEXICANS SHOOT U. S. OFFICIAL

Immigration Inspector is Seriously Injured By Federal Soldiers

Charles B. Dixon, of San Diego, while on official business just across the line from El Paso is shot by Mexican soldiers.

El Paso, Tex.—Charles B. Dixon, of San Diego, United States immigration inspector, was shot in the back by Mexican federal soldiers at Juarez. Dixon was in Juarez on official business, investigating a white slave case, when he was arrested by a band of federal soldiers, who started to march him away from the city in the direction of the foothills, where many executions have taken place. Dixon started to run, and after getting a block away, was fired on.

Dixon made a statement to American officials that he was satisfied the Mexicans were marching him out to shoot him when he ran. He said the Mexican soldiers were drunk.

"I told the soldiers when they arrested me that I would go to the commandant's office," said Dixon. "But instead of taking me there they started to the foothills south of the city. I was attired in the immigration uniform of khaki and I thought perhaps they had taken me for an American spy and intended executing me. I thought the only chance I had was to run for the border, so I broke loose from the two drunken troopers who held me."

Washington.—Strong representations, the most drastic in phraseology that have been made since the present American administration came into power, were made to the Huerta government in Mexico.

The United States government demanded not only the prompt arrest, courtmartial and punishment of the Mexican federal soldiers who shot Charles B. Dixon, Jr., an American immigration official at Juarez, Mex., but the immediate release of Charles Bissell and Bernard McDonald, mining managers, imprisoned by federal soldiers at Chihuahua City and said to be threatened with execution.

STORMS LAST WEEK DO SOME DAMAGE

To Hay and Grain Crops-- Ontario-Nyssa and Owyhee Ditches Break.

Eastern Oregon and western Idaho was visited by a series of storms last week that did some damage. The Payette and tributary valleys had several cloudbursts and the railroad was put out of commission in several places, necessitating the postponing of the excursion to Smith's Ferry, as the track could not be repaired in time.

A heavy rain in the hills back of Boise sent the floods over the gardens and lawns, doing much damage.

The Malheur river was up several feet and filled with drift from the heavy rains above Vale, some of the lands in that place being nearly ruined.

Where the work is being done on Bully creek a tractor engine was carried about a thousand feet and tossed around like a toy, the water coming down in a solid wall four feet high and 135 feet wide. Some of the Vale water system was washed out. Much of the grain and hay in that section was damaged.

The railroad bridge over Bully creek went out and several smaller ones farther west and much piling was seen floating down.

The only damage around Ontario was to the Ontario-Nyssa and Owyhee ditches. Secretary Greig estimates it will cost about \$300 to repair the Ontario-Nyssa ditch. This was built into the ground, so there were no banks to wash away. There was some breaks in the Owyhee and much sand washed in, but a few hundred dollars will repair the damage.

FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION PLACES BIG ORDERS

The Idaho-Oregon Fruit Growers' association report a successful financing for the season.

The bankers of the entire district covered by the association, including eleven district associations, have agreed to finance the movement for all their needs. This is very far reaching and is evidence of the high regard the new movement has in the eyes of the bankers.

Contracts have been closed for 300,000 apple boxes and a proper proportion of peach, prune and cantaloupe crates. This does not represent the total needs of the association, but is simply the first order. Contracts have also been made for paper and nails and in a few days car loads of all these will be rolling to their destination.

District associations will receive their material direct from the mills without transfer and will distribute to the growers. The fruit men are all in good frame of mind and are now more than ever convinced of the advantages of cooperation.

HENRY LANE WILSON



© 1911, by American Press Association. Henry Lane Wilson, Ambassador to Mexico, who was called to Washington to confer with the President and Secretary of State over the Mexican situation.

R. L. WESTGARD ON 17,000 MILE TRIP BY MOTOR CAR

R. L. Westgard, vice president of the National Highway association, will soon pass through here on his 17,000 mile trip by motor car. Mr. Westgard is pathfinder for the National Highway movement and has already traversed many sections of the United States, and still has a great route mapped out to travel. While passing through Utah the pathfinder was accompanied by Governor Spry of that state and while in Nevada he was joined by Governor Oddie. He is receiving hearty encouragement on the good work he is accomplishing wherever he goes.

Mr. Westgard organized the Touring club of America and was its first president.

CITY OFFICIALS MOVE INTO NEW QUARTERS AT CITY HALL

The city recorder and city marshal have moved their offices to the new city hall. The office of the secretary of the County fair, and secretary of the Commercial club are both at the new city hall also.

THE NEW CITY HALL

IS FINISHED

And Affords Ample Room for All City Officials, Commercial Club and Fire Station With a Specially Fitted Up Exhibit Room on Second Floor.

This is moving week for the officials of the city. Commercial club and County fair, to the new city hall. The first floor of the new building will be occupied by the city officials, including the council, recorder and marshal and the fire department.

The second floor by the Commercial club and County fair.

The building was especially designed for this purpose and now that it is completed there is nothing to be desired, everything having been made to order.

The outside of the building is very attractive, being of red brick with concrete finishings, an artistic entrance and large windows. The building stands in the center of the lots, with cement walks on all sides and the windows will always afford good light as the owners of adjoining lots cannot build up close enough to be of any detriment.

The inside of the building is finished in a cream tint on the walls and cherry woodwork, all entrances are large and the ceilings high. To the south of the main entrance the quarters for the firemen are located, with a large room in front for their apparatus and ample facilities for drying the hose and cleaning the carts. To the rear of this is their meeting room.

At the end of the main corridor is the room for the city marshal, ample in size for holding court and giving desk room for the city engineer. Opening on the north of the corridor is the council chamber and from this the room of the city recorder, from which doors lead to a large fire proof vault and the city marshal's room. These quarters will be ample for many years.

At the top of the stairs leading to the second story is a room especially fitted for the exhibit of the Commercial club and off from this with glass walls, is the office of the secretary.

The rear half of the second story is a large room to be used as a club room and meeting room for the Commercial club and Fair association, which is large enough to seat any ordinary audience, another room joining this is fitted for a kitchen. To the north and east of this floor is a room designed for consultations and another

BIG SHEEP SHIPMENTS ARE BEING SENT OUT

It is Expected That Last Year's Record of 200,000 Will be Exceeded.

The sheep men are getting their stuff to market this month and the shipments for the season are well over the 100,000 mark. Last season the shipments amounted to over 200,000 and it looks now like this season will see still heavier shipments.

The prices are fair and in a few cases the market was caught right and the results were more than satisfactory.

During the past week shipments have been made by R. E. Baker of eight cars, Bob Stanfield, 14 cars, Lee brothers, 4 cars, Baker Ball 11 cars.

Mines Bureau to be Aided.

Albany.—The Albany commercial club will cooperate with the Oregon bureau of mines and geology toward the development of the mining industries of this section of the state. At the request of the bureau the club has named a special committee on mining, which will work with the bureau toward that end.

for a reading room. There are also two lavatories on this floor.

The basement contains the heating plant and room for storing.

This building is a credit to the city and will be ample for its use for many years.

Contractor Mallory is receiving much praise for the design and finish of the structure. The U. S. Plumbing & Heating company designed and installed the heating and water plant.

While the building is now one block from the business center of the city, a few more years and it will be surrounded by modern structures. Plans for a house warming are under way.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL HELD

New City Hall is Accepted-- Objections to New Sewer District Presented.

A special meeting of the city council was held on last Friday evening at which time Hopt. Jaquish made a report regarding the city hall and on motion the new building was formally accepted and the bills for construction paid in full.

A special meeting was also held Monday evening to hear objections or remonstrances against the construction and assessments for the building of a drain and trunk sewer system.

A remonstrance was presented by W. E. Lees, but as the ownership of the property mentioned was not shown the petition was laid on the table.

The ordinance ordering the construction of the sewer was then passed.

Mrs. Farley, representing the Ontario Cemetery association, addressed the council in regard to the condition of the cemetery and securing the honors. The race for boys under 12 years was won by Francis Donnelly with Dean a close second. Elsie Fitzgerald was first in the race for girls under 12 with Dorothy Dean second. Nick Kessler and Bernard Rader got first and second prize in the race for boys over 12. The married men's race fell to Andrew Castles beating L. O. McCoy. Father Campo won the bachelor's race, leaving a number of would-be Benedict's in the shade.

It is safe to say that next year's picnic will be attended by a crowd at least twice the size.

of their improvement fund and asked for help. The association was voted \$100.

The recorder was instructed to secure the curtains and other immediate requirements of the city hall.

An ordinance was passed making it a misdemeanor to employ an auto and not pay for same.

The city recorder's salary was placed at \$100 a month, commencing August 1 and he was appointed custodian of the city hall.

EASTBOUND FAST MAIL TO BE DISCONTINUED SUNDAY

There will be a change in railroad trains from Portland starting next Sunday, but up to date there has been no schedule received here. The eastbound mail train will be cut out and a train to do the local business from Portland to Salt Lake and connect with the D. & R. G. will be put on, leaving Portland at 12:30 a. m. Train No. 6 will be run on a faster schedule and leave Portland at 6:40 p. m., instead of 8 p. m. as at present, which will bring it to Ontario several hours earlier.

TARIFF BILL SURE OF PASSAGE

Administration Supporters to Force Vote On Currency Bill.

AMBASSADOR AND PRESIDENT DISAGREE

Washington.—Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson, summoned from Mexico City to inform the Washington administration of conditions in the rebellious republic, conferred with President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, submitting chiefly a recommendation that the United States use its influence to establish the Huerta regime.

It became known that the president's ideas and those of Ambassador Wilson as to the course to be pursued are so radically different that the administration officials interpreted the developments as forecasting the acceptance of Ambassador Wilson's resignation.

President Wilson and the ambassador looked on the future Mexican situation, it was learned, from opposite viewpoints. The president is concerned over the morality of any policy adopted by the United States and the effect on other Latin-American countries and is disinclined to strengthen a government that came into power through the questionable events incident to Madero's assassination.

HOWARD ELLIOTT



Howard Elliott, President of the Northern Pacific, who was selected to succeed Charles S. Mellen as President of the New Haven Railroad.

O. W. R. & N. OFFICIALS VISIT ONTARIO AGAIN

Party Was Greatly Pleased With Crop Conditions In This Section.

The O. W. R. & N. officials who were out on an inspection trip from Bend to Ontario arrived here Sunday evening in their special cars. The party was composed of J. D. Farrell, president of the O. W. R. & N.; J. P. O'Brien, vice president and general manager and R. E. Miller, traffic manager of the same company. They were accompanied by Col. Geo. S. Young, of the regular army; Drake D. O'Reilly, capitalist; W. H. Hulbert, formerly general passenger agent of the O. W. R. & N.; P. A. O'Farrell, a newspaper writer of national reputation, Fred S. Stanley, capitalist, of Portland and Addison Bennett, representing the Oregonian. Mr. Farrell was seen while the train was here, but had no information for the public.

He was anxious to learn the condition of crops and business in this section and seemed well pleased at the bright prospects for the orchard men.

While in Burns Mr. Farrell stated he would visit this section again in thirty days and hoped to have more time to devote to the work of inspection.

Nothing could be learned regarding their plans for building.

Progressives Support Many Democratic Tariff Reductions--Regular Republicans Weakening in Long Drawn Out Fight.

Washington.—Confronted with apparently irreconcilable disagreement among the democrats of the house banking and currency committee on the pending currency bill, the administration again changed its plans for getting the measure through the committee and the house. The scheme of Chairman Glass to take the unfinished bill out of the hands of the committee democrats and send it to the democratic house caucus which failed, was abandoned, after Chairman Glass had conferred with President Wilson.

The bill will be kept in the conference of the committee democrats this week, according to the new plan, and they will be forced to vote on the essentials of the measure. The administration supporters believe they will be able to outvote the so-called insurgents by 10 to 4 or perhaps 11 to 3.

The administration forces apparently were encouraged and advanced the belief that the President, despite the unhappy outlook, would be able to get his bill through both ends of the capital practically unchanged.

Party Vote Kills All Amendments

While republican senators continued to offer amendments to nearly every paragraph of the Underwood-Simmons tariff bill during its reading in the senate, the democrats in solid phalanx voted them down.

The first test vote came when Senator Smoot moved to retain the Payne rate of two cents a pound on oxalid acid, reduced by the administration measure to one and one-half cents. The motion was lost, 50 to 26, eight progressive republicans supporting the democrats. This is taken to indicate that the progressive republicans will aid the democrats in a number of tariff reductions.

The prospect for the coming week was that practically all of the republican leaders will make their last formal arguments on the bill.

The democrats are confident that the stubborn fight made thus far by Senators Bristow and Smoot on almost every item will be relaxed later on. They are so encouraged by the scarcity of long speeches from the opposition that they count on getting to the final vote by August 10 to 15, and to adoption of the conference report two weeks later.

Wall Street Plot is McAdoo's Charge

Secretary McAdoo issued a statement flatly charging that the decline of government 2 per cent bonds to 95½—a new low record—was due "almost wholly to what happened to a campaign with every indication of concerted action on the part of a number of influential New York City banks to cause apprehension and uneasiness about these bonds in order to help them in their efforts to defeat the currency bill."

In his statements Secretary McAdoo declared the 2 per cent bonds were worth par, notwithstanding their decline in the New York market, and continued:

"The idea seems to be that the country banks, which hold about two-thirds of the 2 per cent bonds and use them as the basis for their circulating notes, may be induced to unite with the New York City banks in opposition to the bill if they can be made to believe that the proposed currency measure is going to injure those bonds and cause losses to the banks."

Two Killed in Train Wreck

White Fish, Mont.—Great Northern fast mail No. 2, westbound, was wrecked just east of Rock Hill shortly before noon Monday. Engineer Peck L. Foreman and Fireman Carl Smith, both of White Fish, were killed and Express Messenger Lamb was injured, but will recover.

Legislator Found Guilty

Webster Springs, W. Va.—S. U. G. Holmes, member of the lower branch of the West Virginia legislature, accused of accepting a bribe in connection with the recent election for the United States senatorship, was found guilty.